

## STATE of MINNESOTA

WHEREAS:

Muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way

but an umbrella term covering more than 50 different types of muscular and

neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

WHEREAS: All muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle

weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for

breathing and/or swallowing; and

WHEREAS: More than one million individuals in the United States are affected by one of the

different types of muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS: Raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of

treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for

families affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS: Light it Up Green for Muscular Dystrophy (LIUG4MD) is an organization dedicated to

raising awareness in the fight against muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS: Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and Light it Up Green for MD Month is an

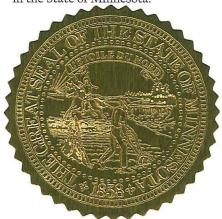
opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular

dystrophy community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2016, as:

## MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY **AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 27th day of July.

SECRETARY OF STATE